

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-15

WHEREAS, the coastline of the State of South Carolina has been placed under a hurricane watch and warning by the National Weather Service; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised that Hurricane Bertha is advancing in a West by Northwesterly direction and represents a threat to the safety, security, welfare, and property of citizens and transients in South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in South Carolina. I direct that the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan be placed into effect in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and transients located in the threatened areas. I direct that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to protect against the possible effects of Hurricane Bertha. I further direct that the South Carolina National Guard be placed on a standby status and, at the discretion of the Adjutant General, in consultation with the Governor's Office, specified units of the National Guard be placed on active duty to assist civil authorities and to take all reasonable precautions necessary for the preservation of life and property. Further Proclamations and Orders deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this state of emergency shall be issued verbally by me, and thereafter published for dissemination within the succeeding twenty-four hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS TENTH DAY OF JULY, 1996

DAVID M. BEASLEY
GOVERNOR

Attest:

James M. Miles
Secretary of State

Last Updated: Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 11:17 A.M.